

**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, CT
MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2016**

In attendance: Beth Emery, Cindi Perugini, David Sandler, Howard Reid, Ron Krom, Karen Meszaros, Monica Belya,
Minutes of the September meeting accepted by David and Howard

Action Plan:

The revised Action Plan was not forwarded to the committee in time for review for the meeting. Howard will forward the Action Plan this week.

Bike/Walk to School Day/Week:

Monica reported she sent an email to the School Superintendent but has not heard back as of this meeting. She will follow up and report to the committee.

Safe Routes to School Audit:

The results of the school audits have not been released yet. Monica will follow up to ensure CS has an opportunity to review the report.

Champion within school system to promote bike safety education:

At the previous meeting Deb Stanley was going to reach out to Marco Gaylord, however Deb was not in attendance to report.

This should be included in the Agenda for the next meeting under old business.

Report on outreach to Department of Public Health and Board of Health:

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Works meeting still to be scheduled.

Report on Multi use trail public meeting with Milone and Macbroom: 9/29/16

The following members of the CS committee attended the meeting: John, Ron, Howard and Cindi. Ron, John and Howard raised their concerns: the removal of trees along Long Lane Road will take away the aesthetics of the trail, and unnecessarily remove healthy trees. They suggested running the path closer to the Community Garden.

Others in attendance addressed the issues of sidewalks and who will be responsible for the upkeep; and homeowners directly affected by the trail on the corner of Long Hill and Long Lane are concerned about the possible traffic in front of the house and removal of trees in their front yard.

The representative from Malone and Macbroom stated he will take this under consideration and come back with another proposal.

Route 9 Traffic Light eliminations proposal:

Revised presentation **maybe** scheduled for November 17 7pm Elks Lodge. John will keep the members updated.

Report on the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) document on road markers reviewed by Karen:

Karen stated the document consisted of studies conducted in 3 major cities: Cambridge MA, Seattle WA, and Chapel Hill NC. The study was conducted to determine the effect of road markers and the relationship with vehicles and bikes that may reduce the incidence of accidents, and improve bicycle safety.

The results were positive for the use of road markers for bicycle awareness. Seattle had good results, possibly due to their familiarity with bikes on the road.

List of CS accomplishments:

Howard provided a list to the attending members, suggesting we review on our own and report back. He will email list to the other committee members.

Member input:

March 2015: Consider changing the name of the “Wesleyan Hills Trail” for CS purposes. The path currently has many names, however, it would be beneficial to have one name for continuity. Also at this time the funding does not provide for that part of the trail. Maybe “Long Hill/Long Lane Trail”? Make a recommendation in conjunction with Tom Nigosanti.

This should be included in the Agenda for the next meeting under old business.

June 2016: Site assessment for Safe Routes to School: Howard asked Monica to provide him with the report once it becomes available.

July 2016: Include the amount of cyclists for the 3 years of the Family Bike Ride/Kids Health and Safety Day.

Kids Health and Safety Day is May 20, 2017. Same location, same time, however due to concerns by those running the rodeo, the cyclists may need to start and end at a different location on Main Street.

Update for school contact list:

Monica will check and get back.

Letter from John to Mayor Drew suggesting a comprehensive study of Main Street and Dekoven Drive for pedestrians, bicyclists, bump outs parking etc. As of the meeting no response has been noted.

21st Century Parks Committee:

Monica suggested the CS committee be aware of the direction the 21st Century Parks Committee is heading. It doesn't appear there's much concern for those who will not be participating in sports, i.e.. walkers, riders, cyclists.

Howard asked if anyone had information regrading the BiCi Co business in Hartford, Laura mentioned in a previous meeting. Nothing has been done in Middletown.

Specific cities (Middletown) in Connecticut have the opportunity to apply for grant funding under the "Working Cities Challenge" Program sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. This funding is to be used "toward addressing local issues in a sector of their choosing, be it education, workforce development, small business development, or other areas that can improve economic outcomes for residents; with the goal of improving cities and economy." This grant funding maybe an opportunity to encourage a BiCi Co type of business in Middletown.

Who could look into this?

Next meeting: Monday, November 14, 2016 7:00 PM Common Council Chambers